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May 24, 1973

TO:

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON

FROM:

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DAVID BRUCE

EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER FROM

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- 1. I consider it significant that Huang Chen informed me he would be arriving in Washington on May 29, which is three days earlier than he had originally contemplated, he checked carefully with me to ascertain that he would probably get there before you depart for Iceland with the President. It appears very likely from this that he would welcome a meeting with you prior to your departure.
- 2. Accordingly I strongly recommend that you see him if at all possible. In light of the emphasis which Chou En Lai placed on the Indochina situation, particularly Cambodia, in his conversation with me on May 18, this seems to me a likely matter of discussion.
- 3. At the conclusion of my meeting with Huang Chen I asked all the others present to leave the room (except of course for the interpreter, Nancy Tang) and then passed on to him what you had told me of your conversation with the Chinese of May 15.
- 4. Warm regards.

END OF MESSAGE

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